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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : USIA Special Intelligence Clearances.

1. At last Monday's staff meeting you handed me an undated letter from T. C. Streibert, Director, USIA, in which he requested that 4 members of his staff be cleared for special intelligence. I suggested that it would be well if I talked to Streibert about this, which I did this afternoon.

2. Streibert told me that he had raised with you orally the question of USIA becoming a member of the IAC and he said that you would consider the matter and be in touch with him on this question. He feels that the question of additional clearances for his staff members is in part related to USIA membership on the IAC. Therefore, he has decided to modify his request at this time for additional clearances and now requests only that his deputy, Abbott Washburn, be cleared.

3. In view of the above, I recommend that you sign the attached letter to Mr. Streibert and I am taking the necessary action to obtain USCIB approval for the clearance of Abbott Washburn.

[Redacted Signature Box]

HUNTINGTON D. SHELDON  
Assistant Director  
Current Intelligence

The recommendation in paragraph 3 is ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.

EILEEN W. DULLES  
Director

State Department review completed

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THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am addressing you on this occasion in your role as Chairman of the U.S. Communications Intelligence Board. It is my firm conviction that our operations could be vastly improved if a select number of our people were cleared for access to the special intelligence materials available through your Office of Current Intelligence.

It is essential that this Agency perform its function in the Cold War accurately and expeditiously. Even though we look to the Department of State for policy guidance we, nevertheless, need as much advance notice of events as possible for proper staff planning.

We, of course, realize that the materials provided by OCI could not and should not be used in our media output. However, I am sure that you appreciate that it is often as important to know what not to say as it is to have information which can be utilized directly by our media.

If you concur I should like to have the following cleared:

Abbott Washburn, Deputy Director

Andrew H. Berding, Assistant Director, Office of  
Policy and Programs

Henry Loomis, Chief, Office of Research and  
Intelligence

Edward J. Carroll, Chief, Intelligence Collection  
and Liaison Division

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Theodore C. Streibert".

Theodore C. Streibert  
Director

The Honorable

Allan W. Dulles

Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

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